

CLAIMS

1. (currently amended) A computer-implemented method for providing an integrated electronic list of providers, comprising the steps of:

a processor determining at least one online provider for an item;

a processor determining at least one offline provider for the item;

a processor integrating the at least one online provider with the at least one offline provider to provide an integrated list of providers for the item; and

a processor distinguishing online providers from offline providers in said integrated list;

a processor providing comparison information about online and offline providers of selected products and services, wherein said comparison information includes:

user reviews;

electronic wallet comparison;

return-policy comparison;

in-store return and pickup policies of online purchases; and

promotions and coupon availability information;

wherein, responsive to a determination of when the request is for a desired geographical area, a user may choose one of several target locations, which have been previously created and stored; and

wherein, responsive to a determination of when the request is for a predetermined proximity to a target location, the user may choose a radius for said target location.

2. (cancelled)

3. (previously presented) The method of Claim 1, wherein the request is for a product category.

4. (cancelled)

5. (cancelled)

6. (cancelled)
7. (currently amended)The method of Claim 1, wherein the comparison information ~~includes~~ further comprises price comparison.
8. (currently amended)The method of Claim 1, wherein the comparison information ~~includes~~ further comprises rating comparison.
9. (cancelled)
10. (currently amended)The method of Claim 1, wherein the comparison information ~~includes~~ further comprises availability comparison.
11. (currently amended)The method of Claim 1, wherein the comparison information ~~includes~~ further comprises special promotion comparison.
12. (cancelled)
13. (cancelled)
14. (currently amended)The method of Claim 1, further comprising providing:
providing comparison information about at least two offline providers.
15. (cancelled)
16. (cancelled)
17. (cancelled)
18. (currently amended)The method of Claim 14, wherein the comparison information further comprises ~~includes~~ coupon-availability information.
19. (currently amended)The method of Claim 14, wherein the comparison information further comprises ~~includes~~ proximity to the at least two offline providers.

20. (currently amended) The method of Claim 14, wherein the comparison information further comprises includes direction to the at least two offline providers.

21. (cancelled)

22. (currently amended) A computer readable medium embodying a method for providing an integrated electronic list of providers, the method comprising the steps of:

- determining at least one online provider for an item;
- determining at least one offline provider for the item;
- integrating the at least one online provider with the at least one offline provider to provide an integrated list of providers for the item; and
- distinguishing online providers from offline providers in said integrated list;
- providing comparison information about online and offline providers of selected products and services;

wherein said comparison information includes:

- user reviews;
- electronic wallet comparison;
- return-policy comparison;
- in-store return and pickup policies of online purchase; and
- promotions and coupon availability information;

- wherein the determining steps follow a request for a product;
- responsive to a determination of when the request is for a desired geographical area, a user may choose one of several target locations, which have been previously created and stored;

- responsive to a determination of the request is for a predetermined proximity to a target location, the user may choose a radius for said target location.

23. (currently amended) A system for online shopping, comprising:

- at least one user terminal;
- at least one database containing information about online and offline providers;

said at least one terminal further comprising:

at least one module for searching the database and for providing an integrated list of online and offline providers in response to a search request for a selected item;

at least one module for distinguishing online providers from offline providers in said integrated list; and

at least one module for providing comparison information about online and offline providers of selected products and services;

wherein said comparison information includes:

user reviews;

electronic wallet comparison;

return-policy comparison;

in-store return and pickup policies of online purchase; and

promotions and coupon availability information;

wherein when the search request is for a desired geographical area, a user may choose one of several target locations, which have been previously created and stored; and

wherein when the request is for a predetermined proximity to a target location, the user may choose a radius for said target location.

24. (original) The computer system of Claim 23, further implemented on a network environment.

25. (previously presented) The computer system of Claim 24, wherein the network environment further comprises a global communications network.